

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of LUKAS SCOTT and GORDON  
SCOTT, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DAWN SCOTT,

Respondent,

and

RICHARD SCOTT,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 211275

Muskegon Juvenile Court

LC No. 95-021880 NA

Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Jansen and Collins, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals from a juvenile court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g). We affirm.

Although several different grounds for termination were alleged in the petition, the record indicates that the juvenile court terminated respondent-appellant's parental rights under §19b(3)(g) only. Giving due deference to the juvenile court's superior opportunity to judge the credibility of the witnesses, we conclude that the juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that this statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Although respondent-appellant does not directly address the best-interests prong of the decision to terminate his parental rights, there is no basis in the record for concluding that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's

best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Jeffrey G. Collins